

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No 02-763-B (400/129))**

In the Application of: )  
McSwiggen *et al.* )  
Serial No.: 10/667,271 ) Examiner: Bowman, Amy H.  
Filing Date: September 16, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition ) Confirmation No. 8658  
Of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Gene )  
Expression Using Short Interfering )  
Nucleic Acid (siNA) )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED AUGUST 28, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2006 in the above-mentioned application. Applicant submits herewith a petition for a three month extension of time and the appropriate fee. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

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